

In Re Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application filed on December 31, 1999, the Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following preliminary amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 5, after "metal", please delete the phrase "layer over".

At page 1, line 5, after "metal", please insert the following: --plug on--.

At page 1, line 20, after "tungsten", please replace "14" with --13--.

At page 1, line 20, after "layer", please replace "16" with --15--.

At page 1, line 21, after the first occurrence of "layer", please replace "16" with

--15--.

At page 1, line 21, after "metal layer", please replace "14" with --13--.